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SUBJECT: BIODATA ON NEWLY APPOINTED NRC COMMISSIONER

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1. SUMMARY. IN FOLLOW-UP TO REFTEL, NRC HAS PROVIDED FOLLOWING BIOGRAPHICAL DATA ON NEWLY APPOINTED COMMISSIONER.

2. DR. JOHN F. AHEARNE WAS SWORN IN ON JULY 31, 1978, TO SERVE A FIVE-YEAR TERM AS COMMISSIONER ON THE NOW COMPLETE 5-MEMBER NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION.

3. DR. AHEARNE WAS BORN JUNE 14, 1934, IN NEW BRITAIN, CONNECTICUT. HE RECEIVED A B.S. IN ENGINEERING PHYSICS FROM CORNELL UNIVERSITY IN 1957, AN M.S. FROM CORNELL IN 1958, AND AN M.A. (1963) AND PH.D. (1966) IN PHYSICS FROM PRINCETON UNIVERSITY.

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4. FROM 1964 TO 1969, DR. AHEARNE WAS AN ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF PHYSICS AT THE U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY AND ADJUNCT PROFESSOR OF PHYSICS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO EXTENSION. IN 1969 AND 1970, HE WAS A STAFF MEMBER IN THE AIR DEFENSE DIVISION OF THE OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR SYSTEMS ANALYSIS. FROM 1970 TO 1972, HE WAS DIRECTOR OF THE TACTICAL AIR DIRECTORATE IN

THAT OFFICE.

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5. FROM 1972 TO 1975, DR. AHEARNE WAS DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR GENERAL PURPOSE PROGRAMS IN THE OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE (PROGRAM ANALYSIS AND EVALUATION). FROM 1975 TO 1977, HE WAS PRINCIPAL DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE IN THE OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR MANPOWER AND RESERVE AFFAIRS. FROM 1977 TO PRESENT NRC APPOINTMENT, HE HAD BEEN ON THE STAFF OF THE WHITE HOUSE ENERGY POLICY AND PLANNING OFFICE, WORKING ON THE NUCLEAR AND CONSERVATION PORTION OF THE NATIONAL ENERGY ACT. CHRISTOPHER

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